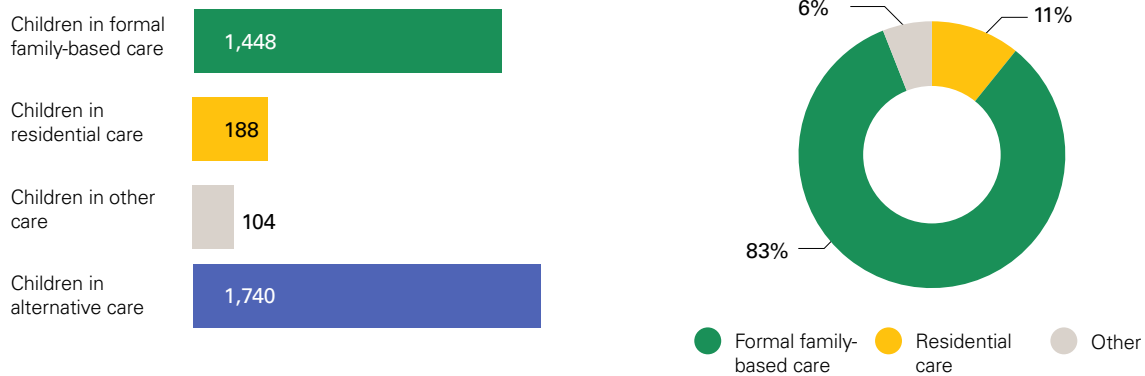


# Estonia<sup>1</sup>

<p><span style="color: red;">●</span> No</p> <p><span style="color: green;">●</span> Yes</p>	<p>Red indicates that the variable is not collected or the statement not true, green that it is. If no information was found about any of the points in the overview for the particular country, the points are removed on the page for that country.</p>	<p><span style="color: green;">●</span> Children in formal family-based care</p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Children in residential care</p> <p><span style="color: grey;">●</span> Children in other care</p> <p><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Children in alternative care</p>
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## Total number of children in alternative care<sup>2</sup>



## Headline statistics<sup>3</sup>

The rate of children aged 0-17 in alternative care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	680
The rate of children aged 0-17 in residential care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	74
The rate of children aged 0-17 in formal family-based care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	566
The percentage of children aged 0-17 in residential care (of the total number of children in alternative care) at a specific point in time	10.8%

## Country system

- Decentralised alternative care and data system
- Data on alternative care published
- Is the data system on children in alternative care covered in legislation?
- Is the overarching term, in line with 'alternative care', used in legislation?

## Data system

- Recent or current reform of data system on children in alternative care
- More than one agency mandated to collect data

## Variables collected on

<input type="checkbox"/> Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Placement decision maker
<input type="checkbox"/> Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Reintegrated with family
<input type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied minor status	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted
<input type="checkbox"/> Reason for entry into care	<input type="checkbox"/> Leaving care due to death

### Helpful examples

The social work registration database, used since 2016, is connected to several other databases related to child protection issues. These databases include social protection information, the population register, education information, the court register, the criminal records database, and health statistics.

### Room for improvement

Only some aggregated data are made available to the public and policy-makers.

According to the report prepared by the Estonian Union for Child Welfare (2015), statistics collected on children separated from their family do not include information about the background of the families.

Source: The DataCare project, 2021.

### Endnotes

- 1 Information gathered from Lerch, Véronique and Anna Nordenmark Severinsson, Feasibility Study for a Child Guarantee: Target Group Discussion Paper on Children in Alternative Care, European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Brussels, 2019, and the national statistical database.
- 2 Contains 'other' alternative care provisions that cannot be definitely said to be residential care or family-based care, or that are not considered alternative care in all countries. Source: [https://andmed.stat.ee/en/stat/sotsiaalelu\\_\\_sotsiaalne-kaitse\\_\\_sotsiaalabi\\_\\_vanemliku-hoolitsuseta-lapsed/SK031](https://andmed.stat.ee/en/stat/sotsiaalelu__sotsiaalne-kaitse__sotsiaalabi__vanemliku-hoolitsuseta-lapsed/SK031) (accessed August 2021).
- 3 Calculated by the DataCare project team using, where relevant, country-specific population statistics from the UNICEF Data Warehouse. Source: [https://data.unicef.org/resources/data\\_explorer/unicef\\_f?ag=UNICEF&df=DM&ver=1.0&dq=.DM\\_POP\\_U18..&startPeriod=2010&endPeriod=2020](https://data.unicef.org/resources/data_explorer/unicef_f?ag=UNICEF&df=DM&ver=1.0&dq=.DM_POP_U18..&startPeriod=2010&endPeriod=2020).